Transportation Applications for Solid Oxide Fuel Cells - Auxiliary Power

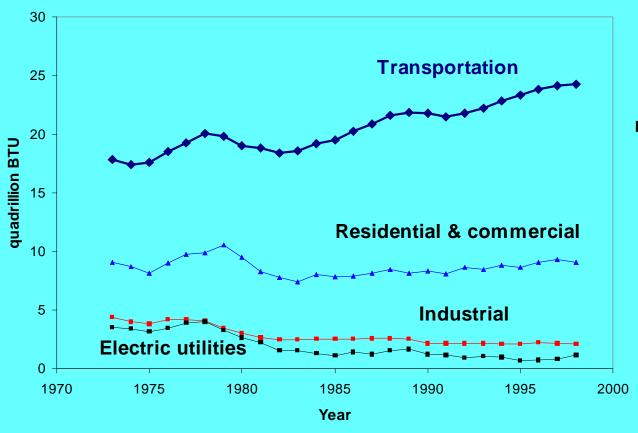
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Consumption of Petroleum by End-Use Sector, 1973-1998

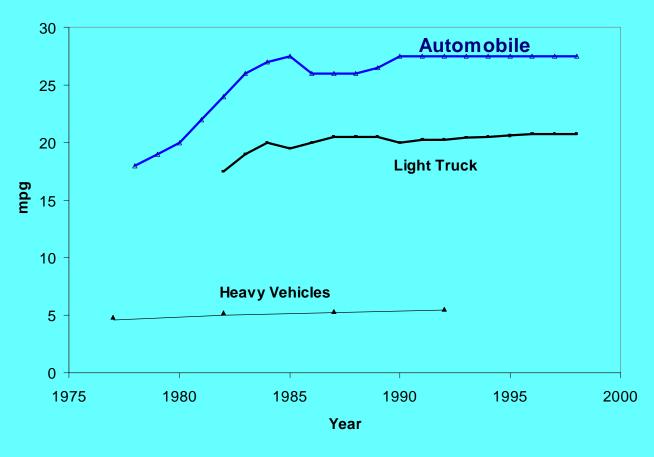


- Transportation is major petroleum end-user
 - more people
 - more vehicles

Source: Transportation Energy Data Book: Edition 19



Transportation Fuel Economy

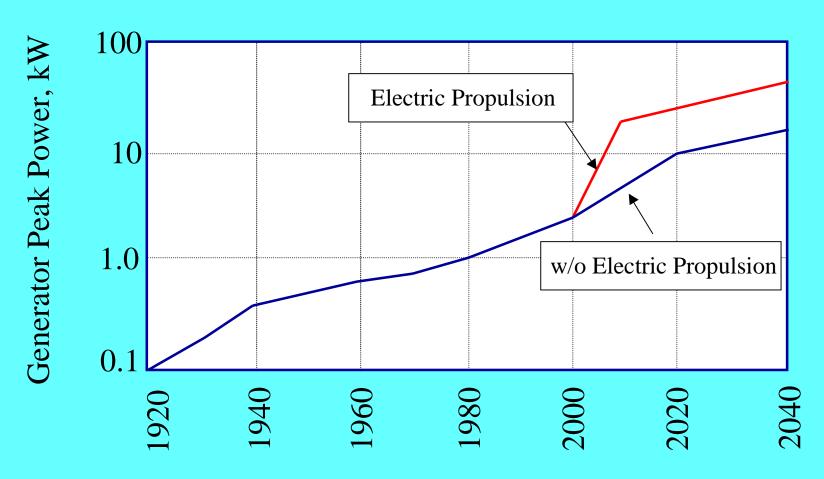


- Significant increase in overall vehicle efficiency has been realized:
 - more efficient engines
 - lightweight vehicle

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Automotive: Increasing Electrical Power Requirements





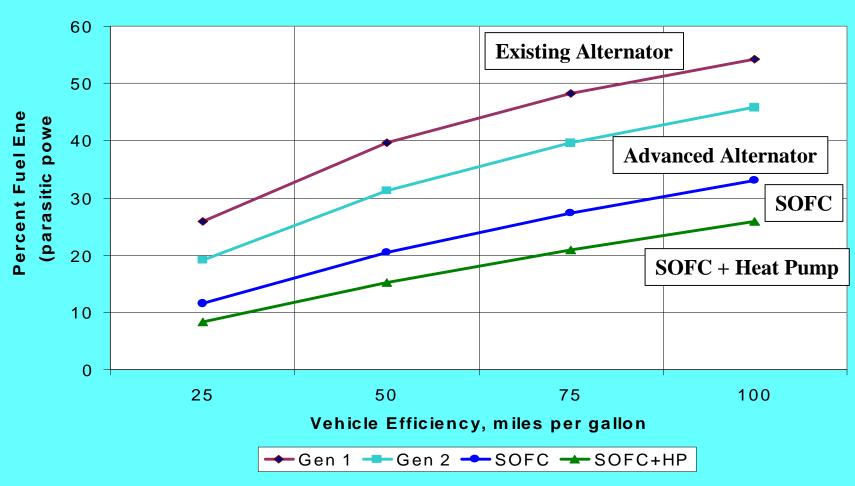
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Automotive Auxiliary Power Market Drivers

Peak Power Requirements	<u>kW</u>
Electric suspension	12.0
Heated windshield	2.5
Electric valve control	2.4
Electric power steering	1.3
Anti-lock brakes systems	0.67
Catalyst Heater	0.6
Diesel direct Injection	0.47
Electric coolant pump	0.3
Compartment Fan	<u>0.3</u>
Total Expanding Demand	20.5 kW



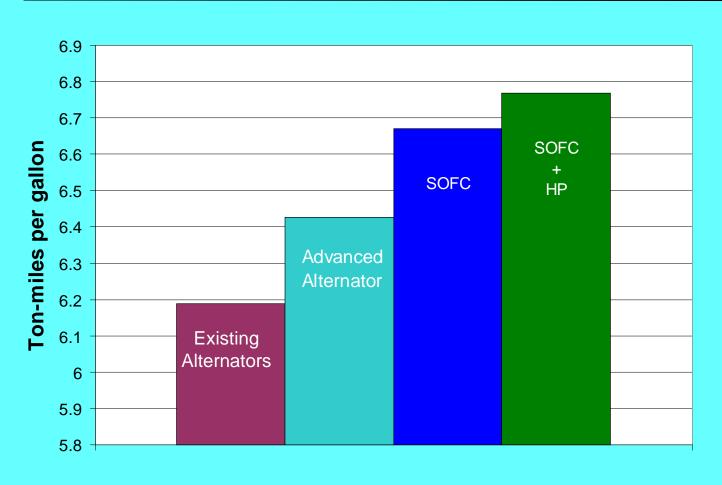
5 kW Vehicle Auxiliary Power: Impact on Estimated Fuel Usage





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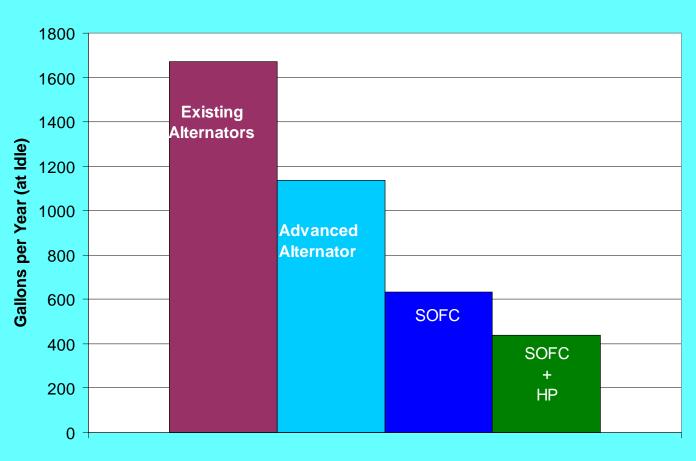
Auxiliary Power:Ton-Mile Efficiency for Class 8 Truck



- Assume 5 kW continuous
- Assume a New York to Los Angeles, 60 mph
- 8 hours idle per day



Estimated Idle Fuel Usage per Year, Class 8 Truck



- Significant fuel saving as APU efficiency increases
- 250 days in a year
- 8 hours idle per day

Battelle

Mobile Electrical Power Generation

Engine/Generator

- Fuel Energy ->Mechanical Energy->Electrical Energy
 - Low overall efficiency = 12-17% peak, 5-7% idle
 - Inexpensive & reliable

Potential of Fuel Cells

- Fuel Energy -> Electrical Energy
 - High overall system efficiency > 40 %
 - Expensive, unreliable and (as yet) unproven
 - Environmentally friendly, reduced emissions

Fuel Cell Combined with Heat Pump

- Overall system efficiency >65%
- Full independence of auxiliaries from engine operation
- Minimizes emissions from auxiliaries



Advantages of Fuel Cell for Auxiliary Power

- Electricity without combustion
- Continuous production of electricity as long as fuel is supplied
- Environmentally clean
- High efficiency, > 60 % stack efficiencies
- Low Noise
- Modular and compact
- Potential for low cost

"Generic" Automotive APU Specification

Power

Rated voltage

Mass Target

Volume Target

Operation life

Cold Start Required

Warm Starts Required

Maintenance Required

Efficiency

Surface Temperature

5 kW net

42 Vdc

< 50 kg (0.1 kW/kg)

< 50 liter (0.1kW/liter)

>5000 hrs

>3000 times

SOFC < 10 minutes

>> 1000 hrs (30 ppm S)

> 40 %

< 45 degrees celsius

High Efficiency, Low Cost APU System

R&D Advances Required in:

- Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Stack
- Fuel Reformation
- Integrated Balance-of-Plant
- Thermal Control Subsystem
- Waste Energy Recovery Subsystem
- Power Electronics and Energy Storage Subsystem
- Entire System Cost must be driven down

Potential APU Markets

- Luxury Vehicles
- Recreational Vehicles
- Heavy Duty Trucks
- Short Haul Trucks
- Passenger Vehicles

